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**MINORITY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – July 8, 2008**

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Chair James McGhee. Those in attendance were Chair James McGhee and Harvey Louie of San Francisco; Vice Chair Darnell Turner and Michael Rubiano of Contra Costa County; Jacquee Castain and Carlos Castellanos of Alameda County; Raphael Durr and Charles Rivasplata of Marin County; Gerald Rico of Napa County; Michael Lopez of Santa Clara County; William Allen and Carlos Romero of San Mateo County; Michael D'Augelli, Native American Representative; and Dawn Love, Low Income Representative.

Vice Chair Randi Kinman was excused.

MTC staff in attendance were Catalina Alvarado, Pam Grove, Doug Kimsey, Therese Knudsen, Georgia Lambert and Ursula Vogler. Christina Ungureanu, MTC Lifeline Transportation Program intern, was also present.

Also in attendance was Rich Hedges, EDAC member.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 10, 2008 meeting were approved with one abstention.

Chair's Report

Ms. Grove announced that Eric Shaw, MCAC representative from Santa Clara County, has resigned from his appointment to MCAC because he accepted a position as the new Director of Community Planning for the Louisiana Recovery Authority. Chair McGhee wished him well.

MCAC Member Reports

The High School Internship Subcommittee report was postponed until later in the meeting. Chair McGhee stated that he attended the June Advisory Council meeting and reported that the TransLink® card project is progressing, with a marketing team in place that is working to get BART on board.

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Preferred Investment Package for Transportation 2035 Plan

Ms. Alvarado and Ms. Vogler, public information officers, reviewed results of the June 26 Joint Advisors Workshop, where advisors were asked to weigh in on MTC staff's proposal for the Transportation 2035 financially constrained investment package.

MCAC's input/recommendations were sought with regard to allocation of the Transportation 2035 funds. Ms. Alvarado stated that MCAC's main focus would be on the efficiency and maintenance categories.

Mr. Durr requested a breakdown of committed funds, and Doug Kimsey, MTC's Director of Planning, went over the various revenue sources. Mr. Durr wondered why the bicycle program was apportioned \$1 billion while Lifeline had just \$.4 billion. Mr. Kimsey explained that community-based transportation plans, prepared in communities of concern, often advocate improvement of bike and pedestrian accessibility. Mr. Romero and Ms. Love commented that Lifeline funds should be increased, and MCAC members agreed that increasing Lifeline funding should be a top priority.

Vice Chair Turner suggested some specific increases and decreases in the efficiency category. A discussion followed as to whether specific amounts for each category should be recommended, versus endorsing the suggestions agreed on by attendees of the June 26 Joint Advisors Workshop.

Mr. Hedges, EDAC member, commented that there is a need for bike lanes in downtown areas and warned that paratransit services are already spread too thin.

Mr. Castellanos (who had attended the June 26 workshop) summarized the workshop recommendations. MCAC members moved, seconded and agreed unanimously on the following statements in reference to the staff proposal: 1) raise the funding level for Lifeline to a fully funded amount (which would require about \$1.6 billion); 2) lower bicycle funding and emphasize funding for local bike paths; 3) redistribute a portion of bicycle funding to pedestrian projects; 4) raise funding for climate protection initiatives; 5) concur with the Joint Advisors caveat for use of funds for TLC; 6) decrease funding for FPI (Freeway Performance Initiatives). The committee emphasized the need to set aside funding from one of the categories for pedestrian safety and safe routes to school and transit. They also agreed unanimously to endorse raising funding for the replacement of transit vehicles, and concurred with the amount set aside for local road pavement maintained at current conditions. The committee further agreed that, on high-priority expansion projects, performance results should be weighted higher than local priorities because a regional perspective is needed.

MCAC Report to the Commission and Work Plan

A copy of MCAC's 2007-08 work plan was distributed, along with a copy of a draft report to the Commission from MCAC's various subcommittees. Due to time constraints, further discussion of the 2007-2008 report to the Commission was postponed and it was agreed that subcommittees

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would work on both their report to the Commission and next year's work plan this summer so they can be finalized at September's meeting. Mr. Rubiano suggested that MCAC show both quantitative and qualitative goals for next year's work plan.

Staff Report

Ms. Grove went over her staff report in the packet and said that the Transportation 2035 funding preferences of each of the advisory groups would be communicated to the Planning Committee on July 11. During the Transportation 2035 outreach in May and June, MTC conducted ten focus groups organized by a group of community-based organizations. Per Dawn Love's previous request, Ms. Grove included a list of the organizations that responded to the Request for Proposals for this project in the committee's packet.

The High School Internship Subcommittee met at 2 p.m. just prior to the MCAC meeting; MCAC members are invited to attend the interns' exit orientation later this summer (exact date to be confirmed). Mr. D'Augelli announced that he accompanied Jamila Williams, high school internship coordinator, to see high school interns in action and it was very impressive. It was noted that there was a 52% increase in minority applicants this year.

Ms. Grove passed out a copy of an excerpt from *Robert's Rules of Order* delineating proceedings in the absence of a quorum. She commented that these rules govern all of MTC's committees, and as a result no votes taken during the absence of a quorum can be considered valid.

Ms. Grove announced that the 2035 Equity Analysis Subcommittee will meet on July 22, rather than July 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. in MTC's Fishbowl conference room on the third floor. She also noted that there will be no MCAC meeting in August.

Other Business/Public Comment

Ms. Knudsen, MTC planner, said she would be scheduling a site visit for MCAC members at a Lifeline project the first week of August. More information will follow.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. Next meeting will be September 9, 2008.